

34. A food product additive comprising an oxidized starch derived from a process comprising treating a root or tuber starch comprising at least 95 wt.% of amylopectin based on dry substance of the starch, or a derivative thereof, with hydrogen peroxide in the presence of a catalyst, wherein the catalyst comprises divalent copper ions.

35. A blanket adhesive comprising an oxidized starch derived from a process comprising treating a root or tuber starch comprising at least 95 wt.% of amylopectin based on dry substance of the starch, or a derivative thereof, with hydrogen peroxide in the presence of a catalyst, wherein the catalyst comprises divalent copper ions.

36. An emulsifying agent for an alkyl succinic anhydride, alkyl ketene dimer or alkyl isocyanate comprising an oxidized starch derived from a process comprising treating a root or tuber starch comprising at least 95 wt.% of amylopectin based on dry substance of the starch, or a derivative thereof, with hydrogen peroxide in the presence of a catalyst, wherein the catalyst comprises divalent copper ions.

## AFTER THE CLAIMS:

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## ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a process of oxidizing starch wherein a root or tuber starch comprising at least 95 wt.% based on dry substance of the starch of amylopectin, or a derivative thereof, is treated with hydrogen peroxide in the presence of a catalyst, which catalyst comprises divalent copper ions.